

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat. Aug 8 Vigil of the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. + Ed Meecham from friends of St. Giles.
Sun. Aug 9 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. For all parishioners.
Mon. Aug 10 Ferial weekday
8:00 a.m. For Stephen, Karen and family from the family.
Tue. Aug 11 Mass at Sacred Heart 8:00 AM
Wed. Aug 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
8:00 a.m. + Donald Stante from Diane, Nicholas & Larissa.
Thu. Aug 13 Mass at Sacred Heart
Fri. Aug 14 Mass at Sacred Heart
Sat. Aug 15 Vigil of the 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. For all parishioners.
Sun., Aug 16 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10:30 a.m. + Gabriel Zettler from the Marrocco family.

Last Weekend – August 2, 2026		
Mass	Attendance	Contributions
4:00 pm Saturday	42	\$ 509 + 200 USD
10:30 am Sunday	53	\$ 529
Online donations:		\$ 193
Total	95	\$ 1,231 + 200 USD
Special donations: Vocation and youth \$317 Fuel and Maintenance \$25		
Thank you for your generosity and support!		

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

Dear parishioners,
This weekend we have the passage of Jesus walking over the waters. It says: *“Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side... the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it”* This ship is a figure of the Church. The sailors in the ship represent every one of us. The sea is a figure of the spirit of the world. The storm (winds and waves) are a symbol of temptations. As the wind stirs the sea, raising great waves that crash against the ship and toss it about, so too does temptation - whether it comes through an image, a situation, a person, or a place - assail our senses and stir our passions. Like crashing waves, these passions beat against our conscience, threatening to overwhelm

the soul (ship). In the midst of the struggle, the sailors try to keep the ship in its direction. It is when people try to keep their consciences faithful.
The Gospel continues: *“During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus came toward them, walking on the sea...”* Walking over the waters, is a symbol of the triumph of faith over this world, as St. John says (1Jn. 5:4) *“and the victory that conquers the world is our faith”*
Then Peter asked Jesus if he too can walk over the waters. Jesus allowed him. And Peter *“began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’”* Peter made two mistakes: first, he took his eyes off Jesus; second, he began to focus on the violence of the wind and the waves. When we take our eyes off Jesus and begin to focus on the violence of our temptations, we too begin to sink. Never take your eyes off Jesus - never. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to obtain for us the grace to walk through this world with the eyes of faith, never taking our eyes off Jesus.
Fr. Gaston Giacinti, IVE
WEEKLY NEWS
Congratulations to the 50/50 Winner:
The lucky number for July 12 is 092854 - \$85 & 0292358 - \$81 for the June 14th raffle.
Would you like to help in the parish? Volunteering is a rewarding way to build community and support our parish. To get involved, simply speak directly with one of the sisters after Mass, call the parish office, or ask about ways you can share your time and talents.
DIOCESAN & OTHER NEWS:
Catholic Girls Summer Camp: (ages 9+) led by members of the Opus Dei Community. Aug 12-20, 2026, in Barry’s Bay. Please visit www.chilaweetrails.ca to register.
Craft Fair and Bake Sale at Immaculate Conception: In place of its annual Giant Yard Sale, Immaculate Parish is hosting a Craft Fair in conjunction with its annual Summer Bake Sale on Sat, Aug 15th, from 10-2 p.m. in the parish hall. Browse a variety of handcrafted items, pick up some delicious homemade baking, and enjoy a hot dog and pop for just \$1. Interested in becoming a vendor? We invite

anyone who creates handmade crafts to rent a table for \$20 and showcase their work. For more info, please contact Elsbeth Callaghan at inkwoodprintshop@gmail.com.
Annual “Taste of Poland” Dinner at Immaculate: Will take place on Sat, Sept. 12th at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious traditional meal featuring roast pork & gravy, mashed potatoes, red beet dish, coleslaw, and fabulous Polish desserts! Adults \$30 | 12 and under \$15 | under 5 Free. Tickets 705-742-5466
Tue, Wed, Thurs 8:30-3
St. Joseph’s Cemetery Mass Douro Annual Cemetery Mass Aug 15 at 7pm. This mass is celebrated always on the Feast the Assumption of Mary. It is offered for all our faithful departed, especially those buried at St. Joseph’s Cemetery. You are asked to bring your own lawn chairs and head covering, as this mass is celebrated in the cemetery near the volute. A collection is taken to help with cost of the mass and on-going work at the cemetery. Hope to see you there.
St. Paul's Annual Beef BBQ (Aug 16th, 3:00pm-7:00pm)
Tickets are now on sale for the Annual Beef BBQ at St. Paul the Apostle in Lakefield! Enjoy a delicious Full Beef BBQ dinner, fresh, local veggies, mouth-watering homemade pies, fantastic LIVE entertainment and an exciting raffle fundraiser for our church renovations. Make a day of it in beautiful Lakefield. Sun, Aug 16 3:00-7:00PM. Adults: \$25. Children (0-10): FREE. All welcome!
Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College has a number of paid positions open, Admissions, Facilities, and Development offices.https://www.seatofwisdom.ca/about/employment-opportunities/
GOSPEL Matthew 14.22-33
Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.
When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.
And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw

him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”
Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” Jesus said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”
Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”
Prayer for the Diocese During the Episcopal Transition
Gracious and loving God,
You shepherd Your Church with unfailing care. In this time of transition, we place our diocese into Your hands.
We pray for Bishop Miehm as he follows Your call to serve the Diocese of London as its 11th bishop. Gracious God, we thank you for the profound gift of Bishop Miehm’s ministry among us, and we pray that your Holy Spirit continues to guide, strengthen, and fill him with joy.
We pray for the selection process and discernment for our new Bishop. Send Your Holy Spirit upon Pope Leo XIV, the Apostolic Nuncio, and all entrusted with the sacred task of selecting our next shepherd. Grant them wisdom, discernment, and hearts deeply attentive to Your will.
Raise up for us a bishop after Your own heart: a servant leader who walks with humility and joy; a faithful teacher who proclaims the Gospel with boldness and clarity; a compassionate listener who unites our community in love and mercy.
May our new shepherd be a voice for justice, a comfort to the wounded, and a dedicated guide for the journey ahead. Help us, Your faithful people, to remain steadfast in hope, rooted in prayer, and open to the movement of Your grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Good Shepherd, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen
Pro - life Corner Dear parishioners, you are invited to the “Pro-Life Hospital Walk” from 10-11a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of each month. Please join us in witnessing our faith and bring a friend.

